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came out here, as he says, to learn something of our country's free institutions, and not to seek for any of its defects. The result of this experience is given in the speech to which we refer, and it is the speech of one delighted with all he heard and all he saw. Dr. Duff's remarks upon "Know Nothingism" are particularly worth noting, for, viewing that body solely in the light of an anti-Catholic organization, he vigorously upholds it. He evidently must have been a close observer of passing events, for the Know Nothings, at the time he left America, had not then taken the prominent position in affairs that they have since assumed. Since then the Know Nothings have become more of a political than a religious organization. Dr. Duff certainly met with a most cordial reception both in New York and in Philadelphia, and this perhaps added to the warmth of his praises of America and American institutions. Nor were people here eagerly in coming forward to support the cause which he advocated. He said that he had nowhere been asked for money, but of their own free will the generous-hearted Christians in New York and Philadelphia placed in his hands \$15,000 for mission buildings in Bengal, coupled with something like an assurance that this would not be the last.

## The New Tariff Bill.

The new tariff bill, which we published in full yesterday, is we presume the fruit of several months study on the part of the Committee of Ways and Means in the House. It will take the country by surprise, and if there still remain any who place reliance in the honesty or sincerity of the administration, will lead to a tolerably unequivocal change of sentiment on their part. It will be remembered that an alteration in the customs duties was first proposed, it was advocated on the ground that the revenue from that source had become inconveniently large, and that therefore some reduction was not only feasible but was actually required by the best interests of the country. Specie was accumulating in the Sub-Treasury vaults to the detriment of trade and the embarrassment of our financial interests; and all men saw the necessity of adopting some plan for guarding against the fatal danger of a plethora of specie. It was on this ground alone that a new tariff was proposed. No substantial class of the community, no particular branch of trade or manufactures complained that the tariff was pressing too heavily upon them. Every one bore his burden with resignation, and admitted by his silence that the tax he paid in the shape of customs duties was reasonable and fair. It was solely and altogether as a means of depleting the Treasury that Mr. Guthrie and the President proposed to remodel the tariff of customs duties.

This being emphatically declared by every government organ and official whose opinion was ever expressed on the point, and thoroughly understood by the people, it will hardly be believed that the new tariff project, reported by the Committee of Ways and Means, actually contemplates no sensible reduction of the revenue from this source. After all the clamor about lightening the public burdens, they are left within a trifle of what they are under the present system. The figures are plain enough on the point. The revenue from customs for the year ending June 30, 1851, was \$49,017,567; for the year ending June 30, 1852, was \$47,339,326. The following year, a variety of causes swelled the customs revenue to \$58,931,865. The new tariff contemplates a revenue of nearly forty-five millions and a half of dollars. Had the Committee of Ways and Means or the administration, for we presume we may identify them one with the other, intended to relieve the people by reducing the duties, they would have given us a tariff under which the estimated revenue to be collected would have done nothing more than pay the expenses of the government. This would have been a reduction which the people would have felt. Instead of this, however, we have a tariff whose working is shown in the following table:

WORKING OF THE PROPOSED TARIFF.	
Total amount of imports paying duty, \$236,595,113	
Of which there are—	
Duties not enumerated.....	\$15,928,750
Transferred to free list.....	14,578,750
Free list, in whole.....	\$31,507,500
Free list, in part.....	38,430
Free list, in part.....	21,300,125
Free list, in part.....	1,059,432
Free list, in part.....	40,222
Free list, in part.....	1,099,777
Free list, in part.....	17,328,527
Free list, in part.....	\$219,200,086
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